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Timely information from the Nebraska Library Commission

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February 1, 2008 is the next deadline for application for **Nebraska Library Commission scholarships**, supported by a grant awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to recruit and educate the next generation of Nebraska librarians. To apply see Nebraska Library Commission's Now Hiring @ your library® Website (www.NowHiringAtYourLibrary.org) or contact Laura Johnson, Nebraska Library Commission Continuing Education Coordinator, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, e-mail: ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us or Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission Planning and Data Services Coordinator, 402-471-3216, 800-307-2665, e-mail: kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us. NOTE: Only three scholarship cycles will be implemented in 2008. 2008 Deadlines are: February 1, July 1, and October 15.

Public Library Statistical Data surveys are available online through Bibliostat® Collect at collect.informata.com. Library Usernames and Passwords are the same as last year's. The deadline for data submission is **January 31, 2008**. This online data submission is one requirement for state aid eligibility, accreditation, and Dollars for Data payments. For

additional information contact Kit Keller, see contact information above.

The *We the People Bookshelf*, a collection of classic books for young readers, is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association. Nebraska public and school (K – 12) libraries are invited to apply for the *We the People Bookshelf* grant. To apply for a set of classic books for young readers on the theme "Created Equal," complete the online application at www.wethepeople.gov by **January 25, 2008**.

The Nebraska Library Commission has again funded a statewide license for **public viewing of motion pictures in Nebraska public libraries**. With this license, through Movie Licensing USA, Inc., motion pictures may be shown as part of library services and programming at the library **through September 30, 2008**. For more information, contact Sally Snyder, Children's Services Coordinator, 402-471-4003, 800-307-2665, e-mail: ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us or www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/motionpicture.html.

Grant funding is now available from the Nebraska Library Commission for **Library**

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Improvement Grants (formerly LSTA grants). The application describing eligibility and other requirements, including scoring sheet with criteria and contact information, is available on the Nebraska Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us/statistics/lsta/lsta.html. **Deadline: December 28, 2007.** For more information contact Kit Keller, see contact information above.

Fifty-one public libraries in Nebraska were invited to receive funding from the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** as part of that foundation's "**Staying Connected**" grant program. This grant program extends funding to those public libraries with no current Internet access for the public, or those that have only dial-up connections for Internet access. The grant will provide funding for costs associated with providing this access for a two-year period, including equipment needed to bring higher-speed access to each community. If your community matches the above criteria, contact Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission Library Development Director, 402-471- 3175, 800-307-2665, e-mail: rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us or Shannon White, Nebraska Library Commission Network Services Director, 402-471-4031, 800-307-2665, e-mail: swhite@nlc.state.ne.us.

Nebraska Library Commission is offering **\$325 grants** to assist Nebraska academic, public, and K-12 libraries in purchasing the new **2007 SOLINET/ NEBASE NetLibrary Shared Collection VII**.

See www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/2007netlibraryVIIgrant.html to fill out the online application form by April 1, 2008. For more information contact Shannon White, see contact information above.

It's not too late to order **Summer Reading Program** materials. Order by January 1, 2008 and receive the materials by April 1. Catalogs are available from Mary Geibel, Nebraska Library Commission Receptionist, 402-471-2045, 800-307-2665, e-mail: mgeibel@nlc.state.ne.us.

The online catalog is available at www.cslpreads.org, click on "Order" at the bottom of the page. For more information contact Sally Snyder, see contact information above.

Nebraska Library Commission continues to offer **grants to public libraries for student internships**. Each grant provides \$1,000 for a student stipend, financing approximately one-hundred hours spent working with library staff on a variety of projects and activities. For more information see Nebraska Library Commission's Now Hiring @ your library® Website (www.NowHiringAtYourLibrary.org) or contact Mary Jo Ryan, Nebraska Library Commission Communications Coordinator, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665,

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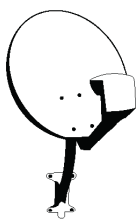
The deadline is **December 17** for Nebraska young people to write a letter to an author that made a difference in their lives. **Letters about Literature**, sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in cooperation with Target stores, is locally coordinated through the Nebraska Library Commission and Nebraska Center for the Book. See the Nebraska Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, search on Letters about Literature.

Nebraska Library Commission will again sponsor **teleconference programming** from the **College of DuPage** and encourages Nebraska libraries to join neighboring local and regional libraries and community organizations to view the upcoming program (via Web streaming video or satellite downlink). The first 2008 session, *Soaring to Excellence: People Watching with a Purpose: Meeting Needs before They Need It* is scheduled for Friday, **February 8, 2008**, at 11:00 A.M. CT Register at the Library Commission Website, www.nlc.state.ne.us, click on Library Training. For more information, contact Laura Johnson, see contact information above. The Fall 2007 teleconference, *Finding Trends that Matter: Get Your Environmental Scan On*, is available on DVD from Nebraska Library Commission Reference and Information Services. Contact 402-471-4016, 800-307-2665, e-mail: ready@nlc.state.ne.us to request *NLC DVD Soaring to*

excellence. Mapping the library landscape. Finding the trends that matter.

Library Technical Assistant classes are scheduled for **January 2008**. *Introduction To Library Collection Management* starts January 14. Contact Sherry Mihel, North Platte Community College, mihels@mpcc.edu, 800-658-4308, or Rick Michaelsen, McCook Community College, michaelsenr@mpcc.edu, 800-658-4348. *Public Services in Library and Information Science* starts January 7. Contact Mike Pegram, Southeast Community College, 800-642-4075, ext. 2788.

The next *Big Read* **Application Deadline is February 12, 2008**. Nebraska libraries are encouraged to participate in this initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$20,000, with a minimum of \$5,000. Omaha Public Library teamed up with Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo to apply for a grant during the previous grant cycle. Omaha, one of 127 communities participating in the current program, plans to celebrate Jack London's *The Call of the Wild* with a full calendar of events including a kickoff at the Henry Doorly Zoo on January 4, events, lectures, and discussions. For more information about applying for the grant, including program FAQs and the list of *Big Read* novels, see www.neabigread.org.



Join the conversation on the **Library Commission Blog**, see www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/NLC/ for more details and further discussion about:

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- **PowerPoint + YouTube = SlideShare.** “Have you attended a Library Commission event, but didn’t get a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that you saw? Would you like to share PowerPoint presentations that you have created with your colleagues?”
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- **Virtual Reference at the Nebraska Library Commission.** “The following video was prepared for a MLS reference class to be presented alongside Karen Hein’s (UNO) and Robin Bernstein’s (Bellevue University) applications of virtual reference. The Nebraska Library Commission has been offering chat reference since December of 2006.”
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- **Get Your Game On! The Why and How of Gaming in Your Library.** “During NLA/NEMA 2007, at the Nebraska Library Commission booth, we demonstrated three popular gaming systems that libraries across the country are beginning to incorporate into their programming. Many of you asked us how you can do this at your own library.”
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- **What is LibraryThing?** “Answer: ‘Enter what you’re reading or your whole library—it’s an easy, library-quality catalog. LibraryThing also connects you with people who read the same things’ LibraryThing”
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- **Nebraska Book Festival October 2007.** “The Nebraska Book Festival is Nebraska’s premier opportunity to showcase our fantastic Nebraska writers and publishers...Photos from the 2007 Nebraska Book Festival are available at www.flickr.com/photos/librarycommission/sets/72157603170787072/.”
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- **Jenny’s looking for library gaming stories.** “Jenny over at The Shifted Librarian is looking to update her previously published Library Technology Report on Gaming in Libraries. When I got to the end of her post I immediately thought of some of the libraries here in Nebraska.”

[Training]

Class	Date: Location
● E-rate Training	January 4: Pierce
● Assigning Library of Congress Subject Headings	January 9: Lincoln
● NEBASE Hour	January 9: Online Session
● Instant Messaging Trends and Practice	January 16: Online Session
● Blogs....Wikis	January 16: Kearney
● Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records-Day 1	January 29: La Vista
● Understanding MARC 21 Bibliographic Records-Day 2	February 5: La Vista
● NEBASE Hour	February 6: Online Session
● Soaring to Excellence 2008: People Watching With a Purpose: Meeting Needs Before They Need It.	February 8: Online and Satellite Session

Click on Library Training on the Nebraska Library Commission Website for more Fall training events

Continuing Education (CE) Credits for the above training events are issued by the Nebraska Library Commission as part of the Nebraska Public Librarian and Board Certification Program.

*For more Information about any of the above training events or to register, see the Nebraska Library Commission Training Portal, on the Library Commission Website, **www.nlc.state.ne.us**, click on Library Training.*

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**Library Improvement Grants
Deadline: December 28**



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